s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v16)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=481, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{9}{13}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 481 + 463.63 + 446.89 + 430.76 + 415.21 + 400.22 + 385.77 + 371.84 + 358.41 + 345.47$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS \ = \ 463.63 + 446.89 + 430.76 + 415.21 + 400.22 + 385.77 + 371.84 + 358.41 + 345.47 + 333$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 4 + 4(5) + 4(5)^{2} + 4(5)^{3} + \cdots + 4(5)^{83} + 4(5)^{84} + 4(5)^{85} + 4(5)^{86}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.